(b) if so, whether auctions for the same have been invited;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of bids accepted by Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the new licence issued and spectrum sold as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to grant new Unified Access Services (UAS) Licences as per the existing policy. Selling/auction of 2G spectrum is not envisaged under telecom access services licences.

No new Letter of Intent for UAS Licence has been issued after 5th March, 2007.

Telephone and cable connection of BSNL

7. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections that have been provided to the subscribers of Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P. by the BSNL during the last two years;

(b) how many cases are pending with the authorities who have registered for installation since January 2007 to till date, name-wise and number-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the BSNL is not installing connection on the basis that there is no provision for cable; and

(d) if so, reasons for non-availability of cable and by when those subscribers would get connection quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the number of telephone connections provided in Vasundhara Exchange area of Ghaziabad, U.P. by the BSNL during the last two years is given below:

Year	No. of connections provided
2005-06	600
2006-07	397
2007-08 (upto October 07)	233
TOTAL	1230

(b) No request received prior to July 2007 is pending for installation of telephone connection in Vasundhara telephone exchange area of BSNL. From August 2007 onwards till date, 16 cases are pending. Details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Installation of telephone connections is not restricted due to non-provision of cables. Working out the requirement of UG Cable pairs based on the demand for telephone connections and availability of cable pairs is done on regular basis. Thereafter, planning for laying of UG Cable, ordering for UG Cable and actual laying of UG Cable is done. Thus, though review of external plant and associated activities are undertaken for provision of telephone connections on demand, yet some of the area under an exchange becomes technically non-feasible pending laying and commissioning of UG cable. However, these subscribers will be provided with telephone as per the dates shown in the Annexure.

Statement

List of cases pending for installation in Vasundhara exchange area since January' 2007 to till date.

Sl. No.	Name and Address	Telephone No. added	Likely Date of installation
1.	M/s Ecotech Realtoss P. Ltd., LG-4, Sec.-12 VSD	2884385	Feb'2008
2.	Sh. M.C. Gautam, LG-9, Sec.-12, VSD	2884387	Feb'2008
3.	M/s S.M. Associates, FF-7, Sec.-12, VSD	2884388	Feb'2008
4.	Sh. Pankaj Yadav, 12/86, Sec.-7, VSD	2884391	Feb'2008
5.	Sh. Ratan Singh, 3/1137, VSD	2881137	Feb'2008
6.	Sh. Rajnish Kumar, 4C/1018, VSD	2885820	15.12.2007
7.	Sh. J.K. Sharma, 5/792, VSD	2885745	Feb'2008
8.	Smt. Reena, 464-A, Prahladgari, VSD	2884337	15.12.2007
9.	Sh. V.K. Jain, 17-H/473, VSD	2882186	15.12.2007
10.	Sh. Kapil Sharma, 14/126, VSD	2881783	Feb'2008
11.	Sh. Sanjam Bhardwaj, B-605, Himalaya, VSD	2881808	Feb'2008
12.	Sh. Jitender Goel, 16-A/2110, VSD	2884367	Feb'2008
13.	M/s Navyug Consultancy P. Ltd., 16/405, VSD	2883627	15.12.2007
14.	Sh. Balraj, B-3, Parivahan, Sec.5, VSD	2883201	Feb'2008
15.	Sh. Suman Kumar, 16/361, VSD	2882206	15.12.2007
16.	Sh. Navneet Chaudhary, 10-C/31, VSD	2880333	Feb'2008

Village Public Telephones

8. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the target of providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 66,822 uncovered villages under the programme, only 30,251 villages have been provided VPTs as on August 31, 2006;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the delay;

(c) whether Government is hopeful that by the end of November 2007 all the 66,822 revenue villages in the country will be provided with the public telephone; and

(d) whether an estimated sum of Rs. 451 crores would be incurred to provide subsidy support for these VPTs?